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CONDITIONS

Of Obtaining

SALVATION

BY

Jesus Christ,

Briefly proposed by Way of Question and Answer; which may serve as an Exercise for the
CHARITY-SCHOOLS.

To which are added some Prayers.

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SECTION I.

Quest.



HO made you?

Answ. G O D.

*Q. Why did God
make you?*

*A. That I might
serve and glorify Him, and be for ever
happy in the Enjoyment of Him.*

Q. How did God make you?

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A. He first made *Adam* and *Eve*, from whom all Generations of Men and Women have since successively descended.

Q. *What did God make you?*

A. He made me a reasonable Creature.

Q. *What do you mean by saying you are a Creature?*

A. I mean that I had once no Being, and that the Being I have, I received from another, to wit, from God.

Q. *What does this teach you?*

A. It teaches me that I ought to live to the Honour of that God, who gave me my Being.

Q. *What does this farther teach you?*

A. To live in a constant Dependence upon God, who made me, and preserves me; and duly to own and acknowledge my Dependence upon him, and to praise him.

Q. *What do you mean by saying you are a reasonable Creature?*

A. I mean that I am better than a Beast, and endued with Reason and Understanding, having an immortal Soul, which is more noble and excellent than the Body.

Q. *What does this teach you?*

A. It teaches me that I ought never to do any Thing below, or unworthy of my self; but so to demean my self, as that I may hereafter give a comfortable Account to God.

S E C T. II.

Quest. **I***N what Condition did God make our first Parents?*

Ans. He made them Righteous and Holy, after his own Image, giving them Dominion over the other Creatures here below.

Q. *Did our First Parents continue in the happy State wherein God made them?*

A. No; they broke the Law, which God had given them to make Trial of their Obedience; and thereby brought Misery upon themselves and all their Posterity.

Q. *How does this Sin of our First Parents affect their Posterity?*

A. They are subject to Death, which by Sin entered into the World.

Q. *How else does it affect them?*

A. Adam and Eve having corrupted themselves by sinning against God, those who descended from them must,

in the natural Course of Things, bedegenerate and corrupt too.

Q. Why so?

A. Because they could communicate to their Posterity no other but the same corrupt Nature and evil Disposition, which by sinning against God they had brought upon themselves.

Q. By what Names is the Corruption derived from our First Parents called in the New Testament?

A. It is called the *Flesh* (a); and said to lust against the Spirit: and therefore we must subdue and mortify it.

Q. How else is it called?

A. The *Old Man* (b); which if we would be saved, we must kill and crucify.

Q. What other Name is given to this Corruption, or carnal Concupiscence, we contracted from Adam, and which excites in us wicked Desires, contrary to the Spirit of God?

A. It is called the *Body of Sin* (c); which must be destroyed and slain, or we perish everlastingly.

(a) Gal. v. 17. (b) Rom. vi. 6. (c) Rom. vi. 6.

Q. Did God leave Men after the Fall in this miserable Condition?

A. No; of his infinite Grace, and meer Goodness, he immediately promised a Saviour, whom, in due Time, he sent into the World.

Q. Who is this Saviour?

A. JESUS CHRIST, the eternal and only begotten and beloved Son of God, who was born of a Virgin, being in all Things made like unto us, yet without Sin.

Q. What did Jesus Christ do for our Salvation?

A. He became our Prophet, our Priest, and our King.

Q. What did He do for us as our Prophet?

A. He taught us the Will of God, and the Way to recover the Happiness, which by sinning against him we had lost.

Q. When may we be said to receive him as our Prophet?

A. When we diligently attend to, and follow his Divine Instructions.

Q. What did Jesus Christ for us as our Priest?

A. He suffered Death upon the Cross, to make Satisfaction for our Sins.

Q. What does Jesus Christ as our King?

A. He rules and protects his faithful Servants, who sincerely obey his Laws, and his Enemies are forced to be subject to his Dominion.

S E C T. III.

Quest. **W**HAT is required of us, in order to our being saved by Jesus Christ?

A. Faith, Repentance, and sincere Obedience, or Newness and Holiness of Life.

Q. What is Faith?

A. Faith is an Assent of the Mind to all those Divine Truths, which are contained in the Holy Scriptures, particularly that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Q. How may we know when our Faith is true and sincere?

A. Our Faith is true and sincere, when it prevails with us seriously to endeavour to obey all God's Commands, to fear above all things his Threatnings, and to depend on him for the Performance of his Promises.

Q. What is true Repentance?

A. True Repentance is such a Godly Sorrow for Sin, as engages us to confess,

ests, hate, and forsake it ; and to undo as much as in us lies, the Evil we have done.

Q. Does true Repentance include in it a Change of the Life?

A. If our Repentance is true and real, it will be followed by a Change in the whole Life and Conversation ; for the Heart and Mind being changed, a Change in the Life and Conversation necessary follows.

Q. Do the Scriptures give any Encouragement to trust to a Death-bed Repentance?

A. Those Christians who knew, or might have known the Will of God, but remain'd wilfully ignorant, have no Encouragement in the Word of God to trust to a *Death-bed* Repentance.

Q. Is wilful Ignorance a great Sin?

A. Wilful Ignorance is a great and damnable Sin ; and therefore their Condition must be very bad ,who refuse to follow the Will of God, because they will not do it.

Q. May we not hope that God of his infinite Mercy will accept of a Death-bed Repentance?

A. God has given us no Assurance hereof. As the Scriptures represent

him to be merciful, so they tell us that he is holy and just.

Q. If Men have been so foolish and inconsiderate, as to put off their Repentance to their last Minutes, do the Ministers of Christ use to bid them to despair of Mercy?

A. No: But they pray with them, and for them, exhorting them to do all that they can in their Circumstances; but they cannot assure them from God, that he will accept of such a Repentance.

Q. Do you think a Death-bed Repentance impossible?

A. I will not say so; but it is extremely dangerous, and very uncomfortable.

Q. Why do you think so?

A. It is doubtful whether it is true and sincere. We have had many sad Examples of People, who have thought themselves at the Point of Death, and have made great Professions of Repentance, but on their Recovery, they have returned to their former wicked Course of Life.

Q. What is sincere Obedience, or Newness and Holiness of Life?

A. It consists in denying Ungodliness and Worldly Lusts, and living soberly,

berly, righteously, and Godly in this present World.

Q. Do not those who truly repent, believe, and obey, become quite other Men than they were before?

A. Yes; for being regenerate and born again, by the Operations of the Holy Spirit of God, they put off their former Conversation, and become new Creatures.

Q. How else does this Change appear?

A. The Image of God is in some good Degree restored to their Souls; and they are daily endeavouring, by the universal Practice of Holiness, to make themselves meet for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Q. Are we able by our own natural Strength to do these Things?

A. No; the Aid and Assistance of the Holy Spirit of God, who is given in Baptism, is necessary.

Q. How may we obtain such Measures of Divine Assistance as we stand in need of?

A. By being diligent and frequent in the use of those Means, which God has appointed to convey his Grace to us, and a right use of that Assistance he already has, or shall hereafter give us.

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Q. What do you understand by Means of Grace ?

A. Frequent and fervent Prayer to Almighty God, the receiving of the Holy Sacrament often, hearing the Word of God, diligent reading or hearing the Holy Scriptures, and meditating on them.

Q. Is Fasting necessary ?

A. It may be sometimes necessary to join Fasting with other Holy Exercises, to subdue Sin in us, and to wean us from the Love of the World, and to draw us to God.

Q. What Encouragement have we to pray for the Assistance of the Holy Spirit of God ?

A. The Promise of our Blessed Saviour, *Luke xi. 13.* who has assured us of God's Readiness to give it to those who with Humility, Earnestness, and Importunity, ask it.

Q. What Time of our Lives ought we to set about the Performance of these Conditions ?

A. As soon as ever we are of an Age capable of understanding them. Our Lives are very uncertain ; if therefore we neglect the present Time, another may not be afforded us.

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Q. Will none be saved by Jesus Christ, but those who perform these Conditions?

A. Not any; because Jesus Christ and his Apostles most expressly and plainly say so.

Q. In what Place of Scripture is Faith, or a Belief in Jesus Christ, made necessary to Salvation?

A. In the Third Chapter of St. John, and the 36 Verse. He that believeth on the Son, hath everlasting Life: and he that believeth not the Son, shall not see Life; but the Wrath of God abideth on him.

Q. What Scriptures assert the Necessity of Repentance?

A. Our Saviour himself, Luke xiii. 5. affirms, that, Except we repent, we shall all perish.

Q. What says St. Peter, Acts iii. 19. concerning Repentance and Conversion?

A. He makes them the Condition of our having our Sins blotted out, or forgiven.

Q. How does it appear, that Newness and Holiness of Life, or Obedience, is necessary?

A. From the xiith Chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, Verse 14. Follow Peace with all Men, and Holiness, without

without which no Man shall see the Lord.
 And Chap. v. 9. He [Christ] became
 the Author of eternal Salvation unto all
 them that obey Him.

S E C T. IV.

Q. *How is this Obedience otherwise
 expressed in Scripture?*

A. By proposing to our Imitation
 the Examples of those, who through
 Faith and Patience inherit the Pro-
 mises, but chiefly the Example of Je-
 sus Christ.

Q. *In what must we Imitate Jesus
 Christ?*

A. We must imitate the Holiness
 of his Life, by being chaste, pure and
 holy in all our Conversation, as he
 was.

Q. *In what else?*

A. We must deny our selves, and
 take up our Cross, and follow him.

Q. *Can you give me another Instance?*

A. Yes; we must avoid all Kind of
 Pride, and endeavour to be meek and
 lowly as Jesus Christ was.

Q. *May we Slander, Reproach, Mock
 or Despise any one?*

A.

A. No ; And if any treat us so, we must bear it patiently, returning good for evil, for so did Jesus Christ, when he lived here on Earth.

Q. Did Jesus Christ entirely submit himself to the Will of his Heavenly Father ?

A. He did, saying in his bitter Agony, Luke xxii. 42. Father ——— not my Will, but thine be done.

Q. How must we imitate him herein ?

A. By being in all Things resigned to the Will of God, even under the greatest Tryals and sharpest Afflictions and Sufferings.

Q. May we not intend our own Praise, or do our own Will ?

A. We must not, but in all Things to the Will of God, proposing His Glory, as the End of all our Actions. For as long as we follow our own Wills, and set them up in Opposition to God's Will, it is impossible to be happy.

Q. How must we behave our selves towards our Christian Brethren ?

A. We must love them without dissimulation, and be charitably affected towards all Men, forgiving and praying for our Enemies.

Q.

Q. How must we carry our selves towards the Poor and Afflicted?

A. We must comfort the Afflicted, relieve the Poor and Needy according to our Ability, and as we have Opportunity do good to all Men, Jesus Christ having given us an Example in these Things.

S E C T. V.

Q. CAN you now tell me, in few Words, what those must do, who would have a reasonable Hope of being saved by Jesus Christ?

A. They must firmly believe and obey the Doctrine of Christ, and repent and turn from all Sin to God.

Q. What Motives are there to quicken us to a speedy Performance of these Conditions?

A. The frequent and serious Consideration of the Four last Things; Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell.

Q. What does the Scripture teach us concerning Death?

A. That it is appointed for all Men once to die.

Q. What Comparisons does the Spirit of God make use of, to represent the Shortness and Uncertainty of our Lives?

A. They are compared to Grass, which soon withers after it is cut; and to a Vapour, which appeareth for a little Time, and then vanisheth away.

Q. What ought the Consideration of the Shortness and Uncertainty of our Lives to teach us?

A. The Shortness and Uncertainty of our Lives ought to teach us, so to number our Days, that we may apply our Hearts to true Wisdom; which consists in fearing God, and keeping his Commandments, and departing from Evil.

Q. What else may we learn from hence?

A. Never to defer any Thing that is necessary and of Consequence to us; because there is no Work, nor Device, nor Wisdom, nor Knowledge in the Grave, whither we are going.

Q. Does not the Scripture tell us, that God will call all Men to Judgment, at the End of the World?

A. The Scripture tells us, that God has appointed a Day, wherein He will judge the World in Righteousness by
Jesus

Iesus Christ, whom He has appointed Judge of the Quick and Dead.

Q. What does it say concerning us?

A. That we must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ, that every one may receive the Things done in the Body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Q. Do you believe that you yourself shall be raised from the Dead, and be set before the Judgment-Seat of Christ?

A. I firmly believe it; and not only that, but that every one, High and Low, Rich and Poor, Young and Old, must there appear.

Q. What effect ought this Consideration to have upon us?

A. It should make us search and try our Ways, and turn unto the Lord, that we may not at this Judgment be condemned with the World of the Ungodly.

Q. Ought we not to Pray to God to assist us in our Examination and Preparation for Death and Judgment?

*A. Yes; because the Heart is deceitful above all Things. And therefore we should pray with David, * Search me,*

* cxxxixth Psalm, Ver. 23, 24.

me, O God, and know my Heart;
 try me, and know my Thoughts; and
 see if there be any wicked Way in
 me, and lead me into the Way ever-
 lasting.

S E C T. VI.

Q. WHAT does the Scripture teach
 us concerning Heaven?

A. We are told, that it is a Place
 of Rest, and Comfort, and Joy; even
 that there is Fulness of Joy, and Plea-
 sures for evermore.

Q. What more do the Scriptures say
 of our Happiness there?

A. That when Christ shall appear,
 we shall be like him, and shall see him
 as He is; and that our vile Body shall
 be changed, and made like unto his
 glorious Body.

Q. How are the Inhabitants of this Place
 described?

A. As Kings, having Crowns and
 Scepters; and the Glory of which
 they are partakers, is styled an exceed-
 ing and eternal Weight of Glory.

Q. Will all People hereafter be admit-
 ted to this inconceivable Happiness?

A.

A. Many will seek to be admitted into this happy Place, who will be excluded, because they did not strive, that is, they did not take Pains enough, nor set about till it was too late.

Q. Who are those that will enter ?

A. They are those who repent and are converted and become new Creatures, and live and walk worthy of God, who hath called us to his Kingdom and Glory.

Q. What is necessary for us to do, if we would not deceive our selves with vain and deceitful Hopes of going to Heaven ?

A. It is necessary for us sincerely and heartily to endeavour to become like unto God, and to purifie our selves as He is pure.

Q. Who are those that will be excluded this happy Place ?

A. All the Workers of Iniquity, all unrighteous and wicked People.

Q. What particular Persons are mentioned, who will be shut out of Heaven ?

A. Fornicators, Idolaters, Adulterers, Effeminate, Abusers of themselves with Mankind, Thieves, Covetous, Revilers, Extortioners, Drunkards, such as live in Malice and Envy, and

and such like Sins, shall be excluded from the Kingdom of * Heaven.

Q. What Effect ought this to have upon you?

A. It ought to engage us to forsake all Sin, and to be always abounding in the Work of the Lord; never to be weary or discouraged in Well-doing, but to persevere in our Duty to God, knowing that we shall be so amply rewarded by Him.

Q. What does the Scripture say of Hell?

A. That it is a Place of Torment, which was prepared for the Devil and his Angels; that the Punishment there is everlasting; and that there is Weeping, and Wailing, and Gnashing of Teeth.

Q. Who will be condemned to this dreadful Place?

A. All wicked Livers, all who know not God, and obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Q. How shall these be Punished?

A. With everlasting Destruction from the Presence of the Lord, and from the Glory of his Power, and shall

Compare 1 Cor. vi. 9, 10. and Gal. v. 20, 21.

shall be cast into Hell-Fire, where their Worm dieth not, and the Fire is not quenched.

Q. What must you do to escape this Place of Torment?

A. In order to escape the Wrath that is to come, and be saved from eternal Misery, I must believe in Jesus Christ, and truly repent of all my Sins, and turn to God, bringing forth Fruits meet for Repentance; I must daily endeavour to please God, making his Laws the Rule of my Life.

Prayers to be used alone, or with others, which is the Reason why the Words, we, us, our, which stand for more Persons than one, are put; not I, me, my, which denote only one Person. And if we at any Time use them alone, we may intend all other People for whom we ought to pray.

A Morning Prayer.

I.
WE thank Thee, O most merciful Father, for thy Protection the Night past, and for all other Mercies Spiritual and Temporal. We recom-
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commend to thy Care and Providence, our Souls and Bodies, and beg thy Blessing on whatever Business thou hast appointed us to do. And grant we may make thy Glory, and the Salvation of our Souls, the greatest Business and Care of our Lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O God, grant we may always remember that solemn Promise and Vow made in our Name at our Baptism, and give us the constant Assistance of thy Grace to perform the same, by Renouncing the Devil and all his Works, the Poms, Vanities, and evil Customs of the World, and all the sinful Lusts of the Flesh, so as not to follow or be led by them; and by heartily believing, and openly professing all the Articles of the Christian Faith; and by keeping thy holy Will and Commandments, and walking in the same all the Days of our Life. O God, make us truly sensible, that we are no farther Christians, than as we perform this our bounden Duty and service; and that on the Observance thereof, depends all the Benefits Christ has purchased for us, and all our

our Comfort and Happiness, as well in this Life, as in that which is to come.

III.

Give us Grace, O Lord, to Believe in Thee, to Fear Thee, and to Love Thee, with all our Heart, and Soul, and Strength; to Worship Thee, to give Thanks to Thee, to put our whole Trust in Thee, and to call upon Thee. Enable us to honour thy Holy Name and Word, and whatever hath any relation to Thee, and to serve Thee truly, not only at Times set apart for thy more solemn Worship, but all the Days of our Life, through Jesus Christ; in whose Name and Words we continue to pray;

Our Father, which art in Heaven, &c.

[Here may be used the Addition for Sunday Morning Page 28. when that Day returns; and if any one be Sick in the Family, that Prayer, Page 30.]

IV.

May the Blessing of God the Father, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, be with us, keep, protect, and

and prosper us in all our lawful Undertakings this Day, and evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Noon.

O Lord, and Heavenly Father, who art the Giver of all Goodness, we beseech Thee to send thy Grace unto us and all People, that we may Worship Thee, Serve Thee, and Obey Thee, as we ought to do, according to the Example of Jesus Christ, and as thy Saints and Angels do in Heaven. Send us, O Lord, of thy infinite Bounty and Goodness, all Things that be needful both for our Souls and Bodies, whether they relate to this Life or a better. Be merciful unto us, and forgive us our Sins, and dispose us by thy Grace heartily to forgive all that have offended us, in Obedience to thy Command.

Be pleased, O God, to save and defend us in all Dangers, Ghostly and Bodily; to keep us from all Sin and Wickedness, the greatest of all Evils, and from that Evil one, our Spiritual Enemy the Devil, and from everlasting Death, which is the Wages of Sin. All this thou canst do by thy Power,

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And we trust of thy infinite Mercy wilt
do, through the Merits of Jesus Christ
Amen.

An Evening Prayer.

I.

O God the Father, have Mercy upon us miserable Sinners, through Jesus Christ thy Son, our only Mediator and Advocate; and for his sake forgive us all the Sins we have this Day, or any other time, committed, in Thought, Word, or Deed, either against Thee, our Neighbour, or our Selves. We are grieved and sorry, and do heartily Repent that we have offended Thee; and we humbly come to Thee for Mercy and Forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O Lord, we beseech Thee to incline our Hearts to love our Neighbour as our selves, and to do unto all Men, as we would they shall do unto us, in the like Condition and Circumstances. Particularly give us Grace to Love, Honour, and upon occasion, as far as we are able, to succour our Natural Parents, Father and Mother.

To honour and obey the King, and all
that

that are put in Authority under Him.
 Andue us with a meek and humble
 spirit, that we may willingly and
 cheerfully submit our selves to all our
 Governours, Teachers, Spiritual Pa-
 tors and Masters, and to order our
 selves lowly and reverently to all our
 betters.

III.

O Lord, grant that we may never
 hurt any body by word or deed.

That we may never bear malice nor
 hatred in our Hearts.

That we may always keep our
 tongues from Evil-speaking, Lying,
 and Slandering.

That we may be true and just in all
 our Dealings, and keep our Hands
 from Picking and Stealing.

May we never covet or desire other
 mens Goods, but learn and labour tru-
 ly and honestly to get our own Living.

IV.

We beg thy Grace, O Lord, to ena-
 ble us to keep our Bodies in Tempe-
 rance, Soberness, and Chastity; and
 that we may faithfully do our Duty
 in that state of Life unto which thou
 wilt call us. All which we humbly

beg for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Here may be used the addition for Sunday Evening, Page 29. Also the Prayer when any one is Sick in the Family, Page 30.

V.

We commit our Souls and Bodies this Night and ever, to thy keeping and most wise disposal. Make our lying down and rising up safe and comfortable.

VI.

Bless all Mankind, more especially all Christians. Particularly we Pray for that part of thy Church in the Kingdoms; and herein for our Sovereign King *George*, our gracious Queen *Caroline*, for his Royal Highness *Frederick* Prince of *Wales*, the Duke, the Princesses, and all the Royal Family, and for all in Authority in Church or State. Bless our Parents, Friends, Relations, and Benefactors, comfort all in Affliction and Adversity every where. Bestow upon us whatsoever thou seekest best for our Souls and Bodies, for the sake of Jesus Christ; in whose Words we continue to Pray; *Our Father, &c.*

*A Prayer to be added to the Morning
Prayer on Sunday.*

WE Praise and Worship thee, O Lord, the Creator of the World ; we give thee Thanks for our Redemption by Jesus Christ ; we bless thee for his Resurrection, which we on this Day commemorate.

Dispose our Minds to a serious attendance upon thee in all holy Duties. Suffer us not so far to forget the interest of our Souls, as to neglect the religious observation of this holy Day. Make us attentive to thy holy Word, and diligent in the use of the Means of Grace. Let thy holy Spirit assist him, whom thou hast appointed to Minister to us in holy things, that he may shew forth thy Glory, and set forward our Salvation. And when we are returned from thy Publick Worship, may we employ our Selves in Prayer, in reading and meditating on thy holy Word, or otherwise religiously and usefully, to the amendment of our Lives, and becoming such as thou canst love and delight in. Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*A Prayer to be added to the Evening
Prayer on Sunday.*

O Lord, pardon the wandering and disorder of our Minds, and whatever else thou hast seen amiss in the Performance of our Religious Duties this Day. Assist us to remember and practise those Divine Truths, which we have heard and learnt; that so we may become more holy in our Conversation, more mindful of the Duties of our several Relations, and more contented in our Condition, to thy Glory, and the good of those with whom we have to do. We ask this through the Merits and Mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

*A Prayer when any one is sick in the
Family, which may be added to the
Morning or Evening Prayer, or any
other Prayers.*

O Lord, we humbly pray thee to be Merciful to [him or her] in this Family, who is visited with Sicknes: Grant that [he or she] may take [his or her] Sicknes patiently, and recover [his

[his or her] bodily Health, if it be thy gracious Will. Give thy Blessing to the Means used for restoring [him or her.] Preserve [him or her] from all violent Assaults of the Enemy. And make us all more and more sensible of our own Weakness and Frailty, and of the Folly and Danger of Trusting to a late and Death-bed Repentance. Hear us for the sake of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Morning Prayer for a Child or young Person.

GLORY be to thee, O Lord, who hast preserved me from the Perils of the Night past, who hast refreshed me with Sleep, and raised me up again to praise thy holy Name.

I humbly worship thee, O God, my heavenly Father, thro' *Jesus Christ* my Redeemer, and I do again devote myself to thee, desiring to serve thee faithfully this, and all the Days of my Life.

I was made thy Child, and the Disciple of thy Son Jesus by Baptism, and then received the Promise of thy Holy Spirit. Let that good Spirit
thoroughly

thoroughly cleanse me from all the Corruption of my Nature.

Help me to remember thee my Creator, in the Days of my Youth.

Preserve me from those Errors and Follies, to which the Frailty of my Age does most expose me, and keep me Innocent from every great Offence.

Deliver me from the Vanity of mine own Heart, and from the Temptations of Evil Company.

Incline my Heart to all that is good, that I may be Modest and Humble, True and Just, Temperate and Diligent, Respectful and Obedient to my Superiors; that I may Fear and Love thee above all; that I may Love my Neighbour as my self, and do to every one as I would they should do unto me.

Let thy good Providence defend me this Day from all Evil; let the Grace of thy holy Spirit continually prevent and assist me.

Bless me, I pray thee, in my Learning, and help me daily to increase in Knowledge, and Wisdom, and all Virtue. I humbly beg thy Blessing upon
**Here let every one mention his or her particular Relations.* all my Relations and Friends, (particularly* my Father and Mother, my Brothers

Brothers and Sisters, and every one in this House) Grant to them whatsoever may be good for them in this Life, and guide them to Life everlasting.

I humbly commit my self to thee, O Lord, in the Name of *Jesus Christ* my Saviour, and in the Words which he himself hath taught me. *Our Father, &c.*

An Evening Prayer to be used daily by every Child at Home.

GLORY be to thee, O Lord, who hast preserved me the Day past, who hast defended me from all the Evils to which I am constantly expos'd in this uncertain Life, who hast continued my Health, who hast bestowed upon me all things necessary for Life and Godliness.

I humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, to pardon whatsoever thou hast seem amiss in me this Day, in my Thoughts, Words, or Actions, [**particularly*]

** Here confess and bewail any particular Sin you may have committed in the Day past.*

Consider that Lying, taking God's Name in vain, Stealing, Quarrelling, Stubbornness, calling of Names, Swearing, &c. are great and heinous Sins.

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Make me, O Lord, thoroughly sensible of the great Weakness and Corruption of my Nature, and the many Errors of my Life.

Assist me, I pray thee, in making it my constant endeavour to resist and conquer every evil Inclination within me, and every Temptation from without.

Help me daily to increase in the Knowledge and Love of thee my God, and of my Saviour Jesus Christ.

Shew me the Way in which I should walk, whilst I am Young, and grant that I may never depart from it.

Bless to me, I pray Thee, whatsoever good Instructions have been given me this Day, or at any other time; help me carefully to remember them, and duly to improve them, that I may be ever growing in Knowledge, and Wisdom, and Goodness.

I humbly commit my Soul and Body to thy Care this Night, begging thy gracious Protection and Blessing.

And all these Blessings which I ask for my self, I heartily desire for all my Relations and Friends, and all in this House; let it please thee to guide us all in this Life present, and to conduct us to thy heavenly Kingdom, through

through *Jesus Christ* our only Lord and Saviour; in whose Words I conclude my Prayers. *Our Father, &c.*

A short Prayer for every Child, when they first come into their Seats at Church.

L O R D, I am now in thy House: assist me and all that are now met together to Worship thee; let thy holy Spirit help our Infirmities, and dispose our Hearts to Seriousness, Attention and Devotion, to the Honour of thy holy Name, and the Benefit of our Souls, through *Jesus Christ* our Saviour. *Amen.*

Before they leave their Seat, thus.

B Lessed be thy Name, O Lord, for this opportunity of attending thee in thy House and Service.

Make us, I pray thee, Doers of thy Word, not Hearers only. Accept both us and our Services, through our only Mediator *Jesus Christ*. *Amen.*

A Grace before Meat.

B LESS, O Lord, we beseech thee, these thy good Creatures to our Use,

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Use, and sanctifie us to thy Service
thro' *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

A Grace after Meat.

Blessed and Praised be thy ho
ly Name, O Lord, for these and
thy other Blessings bestow'd upon
through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

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